

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	G.A. Jaquette	Examiner	3621
Serial No.	09/977,159	Group Art Unit	Firmin Backer
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TITLE	METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SECURELY PROVIDING KEYS TO ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A STORAGE CARTRIDGE		

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action dated May 12, 2006 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected all the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) over cited art. On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview to discuss the rejections. Although no agreement was reached during the interview, the Examiner said he would reconsider the rejection in view of Applicants arguments, which are presented herein. Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-43 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.